

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Chairman John Sinrud, on February 8, 2007 at
2:45 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. John Sinrud, Chairman (R)
Rep. Eve Franklin, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill Beck (R)
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Joey Jayne (D)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)
Rep. Rick Ripley (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Rep. Jack Wells (R)
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 365, HB 371, HB 387, HB 406,
HB 446, HB 447, 2/5/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 365

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:01 Rep. William Jones (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 365, Fund voluntary mental health screening and suicide prevention program.

EXHIBIT (aph28a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:15 Bob Runkel, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI), representing Superintendent Linda McCullough

EXHIBIT (aph28a02)

00:16:13 Dr. Gary Mihelish, President, National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI Montana)

EXHIBIT (aph28a03)

00:18:44 Terry Minow, MEA/MFT

00:19:25 Darrell Rud, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana

00:21:22 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards' Association

00:21:54 Anita Roessmann, Staff Attorney, Montana Advocacy Program

00:22:25 Jani McCall, MCIPA

00:23:04 Kathy McGowan, Montana Community Mental Health Centers

00:23:55 Jennifer Hill-Hart, Montana Coalition of Domestic and Sexual Violence

00:24:21 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Internal and Child Health

00:25:00 Beda Lovitt, Montana Psychiatric Association and Montana Medical Association

00:25:46 Curt Chisolm, NAMI

00:27:29 Mary McCue, Montana Chapter National Association of Social Workers

00:28:18 Rep. Penny Morgan

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:29:45 Jo Ann Dotson, DPHHS

EXHIBIT (aph28a04)

EXHIBIT (aph28a05)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:58 Rep. Kasten

00:32:55 Mr. Rud

00:33:40 Rep. Kasten
00:36:23 Mr. Runkel
00:36:50 Rep. Franklin
00:37:14 Mr. Runkel
00:37:43 Rep. Franklin
00:39:01 Ms. Dotson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:58 Rep. W. Jones

HEARING ON HB 371

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:43:05 Rep. Jon Sonju (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 371, Manufacturing extension center program enhancement.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:46:21 Jeff Wilson, Real Estate Agent in Flathead Valley;
Chairman of Board of Directors, Kalispell Chamber of
Commerce

EXHIBIT (aph28a06)

00:50:08 Haley Beaudry, Columbia Falls Aluminum Company; State
Workforce Investment Board for four years
00:53:01 Sen. Greg Barkus
00:53:26 John Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:54:21 Charles Brooks, Billings Area Chamber of Commerce and
Yellowstone County Commission
00:54:49 Jason Todhunter, MLA
00:55:28 Terry Kramer, Columbia Falls, Kramer Enterprises

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:56:45 Steve Holland, Director, Montana Manufacturing
Extension Center (MMEC), (part of Montana State
University)

EXHIBIT (aph28a07)

EXHIBIT (aph28a08)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:05 Rep. Taylor
01:04:35 Mr. Holland

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:14 Rep. Sonju

HEARING ON HB 387

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:05:49 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB 387, Increase CHIP eligibility level.

01:05:55 Vice Chairman Taylor assumes the Chair

Proponents' Testimony:

01:10:20 Olivia Riutta, representing Working for Equality and Economic Liberation (WEEL)

EXHIBIT(aph28a09)

EXHIBIT(aph28a10)

01:13:54 Susan Kidd, representing Brenda Thomas, WEEL; read Ms. Thomas written testimony, did not give to secretary

01:15:10 Anita Roessmann, Staff Attorney, Montana Advocacy Program

01:16:29 Alex Roberts, Organizer, Montana People's Action

01:18:26 Moe Wosepka, Executive Director, Montana Catholic Conference

01:19:01 Rep. Sinrud resumes the Chair

01:21:01 Rev. Brady Vardemann, Executive Director, Montana Association of Churches (MAC)

01:22:23 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association; Teamsters Local 190; Montana Injured Workers

01:24:20 Nanette Gilbertson, American Cancer Society

01:24:44 Erin McGowan-Fincham, Auditor's Office

01:25:24 Terra Veazey, Attorney, Montana Legal Services

01:27:21 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

01:27:48 Jackie Boyle, AARP Montana

EXHIBIT(aph28a11)

01:28:56 Tanya Ask, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBS)

01:29:53 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network

01:30:05 Jennifer Hill-Hart, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

01:30:26 Rebecca Lineberger, Montana Women Vote

01:31:03 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic, Montana Childrens' Initiative

01:31:17 Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals

01:31:47 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council of Maternal and Child Health

01:32:40 Chuck Hunter, Montana Primary Care Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:33:11 Mary Dalton, Health Resources Administrator, DPHHS

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:33:34 Rep. Kasten
01:35:03 Ms. Ask
01:35:09 Rep. Ripley
01:36:39 Rep. Caferro
01:36:52 Rep. Franklin
01:38:26 Mr. Foster
01:39:13 Rep. Franklin
01:40:04 Ms. Ask
01:40:32 Rep. Taylor
01:42:47 Rep. Caferro
01:43:04 Rep. Beck
01:43:51 Rep. Caferro
01:44:15 Ms. Dalton
01:44:57 Rep. Beck
01:45:26 Rep. Caferro

Closing by Sponsor:

01:46:42 Rep. Caferro

HEARING ON HB 406

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:49:27 Rep. Edith Clark (R), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 406, Montana community health center support.

[EXHIBIT \(aph28a12\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:52:04 Chuck Hunter, Montana Primary Care Association
[EXHIBIT \(aph28a13\)](#)
01:59:31 Ann Pryor, Board Member, Lincoln Cooperative Health Center; Blackfoot Medical Center, Lincoln
02:01:20 Dr. Judy MacDonald, M.D., Missoula
02:06:18 Joe Russell, Health Officer, Flathead County Health Department
02:10:11 Katie Cady, Bozeman, Board Member, Gallatin and Park County Community Clinic

[EXHIBIT \(aph28a14\)](#)

02:11:52 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic

[EXHIBIT \(aph28a15\)](#)

02:12:27 Rep. Bill Jones

02:13:06 Tanya Ask, BCBS
02:13:30 Erin McGowan-Fincham, State Auditor's Office
02:14:00 Anita Roessmann, Montana Advocacy Program
02:14:30 Olivia Riuta, WEEL
02:15:01 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association
EXHIBIT (aph28a16)
02:15:16 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association
02:15:31 Linda Stoll, local Public Health Officers
02:16:11 Jackie Boyle, AARP MT
02:16:45 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal & Child
Health
02:17:01 Rep. Diane Sands, former Executive Director, Missoula
Community Health Center
02:17:28 Carl Schweitzer, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce
02:17:46 Rep. Penny Morgan

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:18:33 Mary Dalton, Community Health Resource Centers

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:18:52 Rep. Kasten
02:19:47 Mr. Hunter

Closing by Sponsor:

02:21:19 Rep. Clark

02:22:55 Break
02:25:25 Resume

HEARING ON HB 446

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:25:36 Rep. Dan Villa (D), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB
446, Reimburse counties for costs related to state
mental health facilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:27:19 Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County Commissioner
02:27:46 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers
Association
02:28:53 Charles Brooks, Yellowstone County Commissioners

Opponents' Testimony:

02:30:31 Anita Roessmann, Montana Advocacy Program

Informational Testimony:

02:31:55 Ed Amberg, Director, Montana State Hospital, Warm
Springs

[EXHIBIT \(aph28a17\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

02:32:38 Rep. Villa

HEARING ON HB 447

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:34:09 Rep. Dan Villa (D), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB
447, Infrastructure development funding.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:36:10 Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County Commissioner,
Second Vice President of MACO
02:38:16 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County Commissioners
02:39:35 Gail Abercrombie, MCA Montana Contractors' Association
02:40:04 Carl Schweitzer, Montana Sub-Contractors' Association
02:40:31 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development
Corporation and Richland County
02:41:12 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACO)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:41:51 Rep. Witte
02:42:43 Rep. Sinrud

Closing by Sponsor:

02:43:17 Rep. Villa

[EXHIBIT \(aph28a18\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(aph28a19\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:30 P.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([aph28aad.pdf](#))